have been made. The break-up of production target and approved investment for year 1994-95 is given below:

	Production (m. t.)	Approved Investment (Rs. in Crs.)
A. Mining	0.13	0.50
On-going	0.48	4.00
projects	0.39	4.89
North Amlabadl.45 UG		12.08
Bhalgora UG		
Pootkee/Balihar UG		
other ongoing projects		
Total Ongoing Projects	2.45	21.47
Existing mines & Completed Projects	27.15	57.50
Total Mining	29.60	78.97
B. Washeries		
Madhutand		40.00
washery		7.00
Other Washery		24.03
C.Non Mining		. 10.00 .
D.Exploration		
TOTAL BCCL	29.60	160.00

Recruitment in BCCL

3481. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons recruited in Bharat Coking Coal Limited during the last three years with area-wise and year-wise break up in details; and

(b) the categories and nature of the recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Recruitment in Bharat Coking Coal Limited is done centrally at Company Hqrs. It is restricted to non-executive categories such as Accountant, Electrician Pharmacist. Dumper/Dozer Operator, Overman etc. There are three type of recruitment namely, direct recruitment from external sources, employment of land losers and employement under the provisions of the National Coal Wage Agreement. The number of persons recruited during the last three years, in the three groups is as under:

Year	Direct Recruit-ment	Land losers	Under NCWA	Total
91-92	322	230	2007	2559
92-93	3	133	2052	2188
93-94	8	113	1372	1493

Indigenous process developed in CFRI for quality improvement of coking coal

3482. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of coking coal imported from abroad in the last three years and the amount spent on that;

(b) the specification of such coal and their coal per ton;

(c) whether Government are aware of the indigenous process developed in Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI) in Dhanbad to wash Indian Coal to that quality costing less; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The quantity and

value of coking coal imported by Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) during the last three years arc as under:

Nam of Company	year	Quantity of imports (Million. Tonnes.)	Approximate value (Rs. in crores)
SAI	1991-92	4.255	672.5
	1992-93	4.248	779.6
	1993-94	4.754	889.1
VSP	1991-92	0.989	186.03
	1992-93	1.658	355.94
	1993-94	1.884	384.71
			Cost

(Source SAIL & VSP)

(b) Broad specifications of imported coking coal are as under:

(i)	Ash	8—10%
(ii)	Fixed Carbon	62—677%
(iii)	Inherent Moisture	1.5%
(iv)	Crucible Swelling Number	6—8.57,,
(v)	Sulphur	0.60% max
(vi)	Phosphorus	0.10% max

(c) and (d) Indian coking coal being of high inherent ash content cannot be economically bencficiatcd to the ash level equal to that of imported coking coals. Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI), Research & Development Centre for Iron & Steel (RDCIS) and Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDI), Ranchi through their collaborative efforts have identified beneficiation and utilisation processes through which low volatile coking coals of Jharia coalfields can be utilised in steel plant blend aftei beneficiating such coals to 18% level level. Based on these studies Coal India Limited have decided to set up a washery on "Build-own-opcrate" basis for beneficiation of coal from Golukdib Opencast Project for supply to steel plants.

Dismissal of workers in BCCL

3483. SHRI A NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COAL be refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 5254 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether any intimation has been sent to BCCL management for awarding lesser punishment for alleged unauthorised absence of the staff instead of dismissal from service in accordance with the judgements of the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) All the Coal Companies have been advised to take action in such cases in the light of the judgement's of the Supreme Court.

Longwall Faces purchased/acquired by Coal India Limited

3485. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) The number of Longwall Faces purchased/acquired by Coal India Limited or its subsidiaries till now;

(b) the year of purchase /acquired, country from which purchased/acquired and the amount, if any, incurred thereon and the place of installing the Longwall Faces;

(c) what was the performance guarantee in each case;

(d) what was the contracted total production as well as production in each case;

(c) what is the actual production during 1993-94, total as well as in each case; and